

**NATIONAL TESTING—PROHIBIT
SPENDING FEDERAL EDUCATION FUNDS**

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2846, to prohibit spending Federal education funds on national testing without explicit and specific legislation.

**WISCONSIN CHIPPEWA'S CASINO
APPLICATION DENIAL**

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on the Department of the Interior's denial of the Wisconsin Chippewa's casino application. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DISASTER MITIGATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Disaster Mitigation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen, McKeon and Strickland; James L. Witt, Director, FEMA; John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

**ARLINGTON CEMETERY BURIAL—
WAIVERS GRANTED**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on waivers granted for burial at Arlington Cemetery. Testimony was heard from Richard L. Hembra, Assistant Comptroller General, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; John C. Metzler, Jr., Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, Department of the Army; Togo D. West, Jr., Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Capt. Michael Rosencrans, USCG, Director, National Maritime Center, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Ambassador Eric J. Boswell, Assistant Secretary, Diplomatic Security, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**FEDERAL TAX BURDEN REDUCTION
PROPOSALS**

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on proposals to reduce the Federal tax burden on the American public. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Weller, McIntosh, Salmon, Riley, McCrery and Cox of California; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 4.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
JANUARY 29, 1998**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the report and recommendations of the National Defense Panel, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the national security implications of enlarging NATO and the continued deployment of U.S. forces in Bosnia, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings to review financial market circuit breakers that operate stock, options, and future markets, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States economy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of research and technology on K-12 education, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Finance, to continue hearings on the recommendations of the IRS Restructuring Commission to reform and restructure the Internal Revenue Service, and on H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings on improving the Medicare enrollment process in an effort to prevent Medicare fraud, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E59–60 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on House of Representatives and the Office of Compliance, 9 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on National Security, executive, briefing on World-Wide Threat, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, hearing on the Tobacco Settlement: Views of Tobacco Industry Executives, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to continue hearings on the Department of the Interior's denial

of the Wisconsin Chippewa's casino application, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on Congress, the Courts and the Constitution, 9:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Quadrennial Defense Review and National Defense Panel Recommendations, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the third party consultation provision in the Safety Advancement for Employees (SAFE) Act, 9 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Preparing the Health Care Financing Administration for the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on modifying child support penalties for automatic data processing, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.